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Before ERIC W. HAWTHORNE Supervisory Paralegal Specialist HAWTHORNE, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist.

## ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 29, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

#### **EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF**

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on May 25, 2007. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) consider the Reply Brief filed on May 25, 2007, and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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